GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:540
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NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the scope of the National Mental Health Programme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so,the details thereof outlining the areas to be covered under the programme;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance to the States for the said programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARREDQUESTIONNO.540 FOR30th April,2008

The Govrnment proposes to restrategise the National Mental Health Programme(NMHP) during the XIth Five Year Plan and provide assistance under various components of the Programme as grant in aid to the States as under-

(i). District Mental Health Programme to be expanded to all the districts in thecountry in a phased manner for organizing community mental health services including school life skills education & counselling,college counselling service, work place stress management and suicide prevention services.

(ii). Establishment of Regional Institutes of Mental Health and Neurosciencesby upgrading identified existing mental health institutions in the country

(iii).Modernisation of existing Government Mental Hospitals.

(iv).Upgradation of psychiatric wings of Government Medical colleges/General hospitalsas spill over of 10th Plan schemes.

(v).Establishment of State Mental Health Cell for monitoring of NMHP in the States.

It is also proposed to include under National Mental Health Programme IEC activities, active participation of NGOs, Research & Training and establishment of a Central Cell for monitoring implementation of the Programme.